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GERMAN SUBMARINE WARFARE AGAIN.

Readers who saw the departure of the German submarine from the American waters two days ago were not much surprised to read later that four British steamers and two neutrals had been sunk almost in sight of the American shore. While the mission to this country was peaceful, landing merely to deliver a note to the German ambassador, and then departing without asking for supplies, not even so much as a bottle of water, the eight torpedoes swung to her deck gave warning that she was prepared for attack. That she should take position on the main artery of trade between this country and her most hated foe was but to be expected, but her efforts were even more successful than we anticipated.

Having shown that Germany now can reach out on this side of the Atlantic and destroy her foes, the United States is again confronted with a problem in regard to submarine warfare, new and unexpected, yet nevertheless capable of developing into serious aspects.

We do not challenge the right of Germany to meet her foes on any part of the high seas beyond the territorial limits, but we do resent any permanent stationing of German war vessels at our very door to watch for those who might be about to enter or leave. At the very commencement of the war, when the British men of war were hovering around the doors to our harbors seeking whom they might devour, the American government politely, but firmly demanded that for England to station her ships in such close proximity to our doors in such numbers was to virtually blockade a neutral port, which could not be tolerated. The English wisely withdrew to waters more distant from our shores.

Whether or not this first attack of German submarines at our very doors is a forerunner of others which will result in a blockade of American ports, remains to be seen, but it is generally looked upon by the press as an indication in that direction. What Germany has found so successful in this one instance, she will be likely to try again. The administration no doubt will have the problem to face sooner or later, and it might as well be getting ready for it by defining its policy on the question.

We want no watch dogs at our doors. Suppose some one who had had a quarrel with one of your neighbors should station himself at your front door with a double barrel shot gun because he believed that sooner or later his enemy would try to enter your house to trade with you. It does not matter if he were not on your premises, but were stationed on the highway just in front of your door. You would resent it, and no doubt demand that he move further along down the highway, would you not?

This is the situation that will be before us if Germany sends a flotilla of submarines on this side of the Atlantic, as it is now believed she has done. We hope that she will keep them at a reasonable distance, but if not, it will present a serious question for the government to solve.

WAR IS ONE — THING AFTER ANOTHER.

Washington seems somewhat disturbed over the prospect of complications resulting in case the Germans transfer their submarine warfare to this side of the Atlantic. The Germans are very much elated at their recent success, which went even beyond their own expectations. It is natural that they will try it again, and it may be that this raid was only a feeler, to get the position that Washington would take on the question.

The allies have issued a memorandum urging that any under-water craft entering a neutral port be detained there, pointing out the dangers to neutrals resulting from any

other course. They assert that if Germany establishes submarine warfare over here, they will be forced to send over subs to establish a counter patrol; that grave danger would result to neutrals by such a warfare carried on at our very doors. They say that America will then have to choose between keeping her own ships at home or running the risk of having them shot at for a hostile one; that the nature of warfare on submarines is such that quick action is necessary, and the danger of mistaking neutrals for hostile ones is great.

The American government is not inclined to take the same view of this question as the allies have taken, and are preparing to take issue with them on the treatment of submarines. They maintain that as long as the subs keep within the bounds of lawful warfare they should be treated as other war ships. The government has not yet defined the position it will take in case the submarines effect what is virtually a blockade of American ports. This is the point that will require skillful handling on the part of the government.

Many of the cities of the state expect to put up a stiff fight in order to secure the Masonic widow and orphans' home.

The selection of this location will depend upon the educational advantages, the healthfulness, the railroads, the religious and moral tone of the community. There is no place in Florida superior to Arcadia in meeting all of these conditions. In addition to this we want you, and will extend to you a most cordial welcome. Yes, in our opinion, the city will furnish the grounds on which to build.

No state in our history has probably shown more rapid progress in road building than has Florida. Between the years 1904 and 1915 there has been an increase of 1,000 per cent., or put more understandingly, the amount of expenditures in 1915 over that in 1904 was more than ten times greater, the sum of the expenditures, having advanced from \$437,184 in 1904, to \$5,501,135 in 1915. The total number of miles of improved roads in 1915 were 3,500, against 885 miles in 1906.

Church announcements should not always be made in the order in which they are handed in, and especially if given out after the manner of a crier, as the following announcement made by a minister recently will illustrate. The minister said: "The funeral of the late and much lamented sexton takes place on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Thanksgiving services will be held in this chapel on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock."

The citizens of Arcadia must decide between a bond issue for road improvements and a special tax levy. There is an article on the front page of this paper by the editor that may interest you. Let us not make a mistake on a question of so much importance.

Boys, how do you like this kind of announcement found in one of our valued exchanges. "The couple were married at the home of the bride's parents, where they will remain until the bridegroom gets a job."

The following announcement was recently made in a valued exchange: "Before the bride and groom entered, Mr. Maurice Stuart Doak, cousin of the bride, sang very impressively, 'The End of a Perfect Day.'"

Titusville is constructing one of the most modern school buildings to be found in the state. The building is 112 by 174 feet, and contains an auditorium that will seat 600, while the entire structure is provided with every modern convenience.

The Louisville Herald says a country editor wrote: "Brother, don't stop your paper just because you don't agree with the editor. The last cabbage you sent us didn't agree with us, but we didn't drop you from our subscription list on that account."

WESTERN LOCATION AT PINE LEVEL DESIGNATED

By the Railroad Commissioners As the Site for the New Depot, and Construction of Same Ordered at Once.

For some time there has been a contention over the question as to which place at Pine Level on the East and

West Coast Railway, should be designated as the site for the new depot. At the sale held at New Pine Level last February by Durand and Treadwell, the question played a very important factor in the result of the sale, many not knowing how to make their bids, due to the unsettled condition of this question. The matter was subsequently put up to the State Railroad Commissioners, which has just been decided by this body, they designating the western location, and ordering the erection of the depot at once.

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THE REAL ROAD SITUATION

LET IT BE KNOWN JUST WHERE YOU STAND IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU WANT BONDS, LINE UP FOR BONDS. TELL IT OUT! IF YOU ARE FOR A SPECIAL TAX LEVY, SAY SO; IT IS YOUR PRIVILEGE. IF YOU WANT TO DRIVE AROUND IN THE SAND AND BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE STATE, THIS ALSO IS YOUR PRIVILEGE. ANYWAY, THE TIME HAS NOW COME FOR YOU TO SPEAK OUT. THE COMMISSIONERS MEET AGAIN THE 18TH, AND IF YOU WANT ANYTHING AT THE HANDS OF THESE GENTLEMEN, GET IT BEFORE THEM, SO THEY WILL NOT MISTAKE YOUR MEANING. THIS BOARD IS ENTITLED TO KNOW YOUR WISHES. ARTICLE ON BOND ISSUE VS. SPECIAL TAX, FOLLOWS TOMORROW.

A condition and not a theory exists in the road situation of the Arcadia district. There must be no misunderstanding. There shall be no misunderstanding upon the part of the people if it can possibly be prevented by us. There is now a misunderstanding of the real status of conditions, and this article is intended primarily to correct this. We published a few days ago the results of the two petitions that were filed before the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, the one asking for a bond issue election, and the other asking that No. 4, Arcadia, be made a Special Tax Levy District. We told that the petition asking for a bond issue had been tabled by the commissioners, and that the petition to make a Special Tax Levy District had been acted upon, and a committee appointed to look over the petition for the purpose of determining whether or not it met all legal requirements. We did not state why the commissioners tabled the one and acted upon the other in the face of the fact that the bond issue petition presented nearly 100 more signatures than did the Special Tax Levy petition. One reason we did not state why the bond issue petition was tabled was because we did not know, and we rarely ever speculate in a matter of so much importance concerning things that we know nothing about. We now think we know why, or at least know one of the reasons for this action. The following letter of advice from Colonel John W. Burton undoubtedly had something to do with the decision of the board:

Arcadia, Fla., Oct. 3, 1916.

County Commissioners, City.

Gentlemen: When a petition signed and filed under authority of, and for purpose described by, Chapter 6208, Acts of 1911, and amendments, shall have been withdrawn by the signers of the same, it is my opinion that the same petition can not be properly considered by you unless all who have signed the petition shall make request therefor.

If it should be desired by those persons who signed the original petitions, or by others, to have you consider and act upon the same subject matter, new petitions properly signed, should be filed with you.

Very truly,

JOHN W. BURTON,

Attorney.

No blame can or should be attached to the county commissioners for their action in the face of this advice from their legal adviser. We do not blame them, and we feel sure no one else who fully understands the matter will blame them. Neither do we attempt to criticize the opinion given by Colonel Burton, except in the fact that Colonel Burton was not conversant with the real facts involved when he gave the opinion. Colonel Burton gives his opinion that a petition which "shall have been withdrawn by the signers of the same" can not be properly considered unless all who have signed this petition shall make request therefor.

The writer of this article was present at the mass meeting when the above named petition was withdrawn. He made a talk before the body giving it as his opinion that the petition should be withdrawn, and also that the petition presented by the citizens of Pine Level should be withdrawn. The petitions were both withdrawn. But it is extremely doubtful if there were twenty-five of nearly 400 who signed the petition present on this occasion. The writer both talked and voted in favor of its temporary withdrawal, when he himself

was not even a signer of the petition. Not that he would not have signed it, but for some reason it had never been presented to him.

There were nearly four hundred citizens who signed this petition. Does Colonel Burton recognize the right of less than ten per cent. of the signers of this petition to withdraw it in such a way that it can not be legally presented again, especially when the very purpose for which it was withdrawn was defeated in the first round? Would Colonel Burton require that "all who have signed the same shall make request therefor" before this petition shall be reinstated, when less than ten per cent. of the signers withdrew it, and that without authority from any of the signers? We know that Colonel Burton will not take any such position in the light of the real facts. The wording of Colonel Burton's advice to the board is sound provided the premises upon which this opinion is based are correct, but they are not correct. One would suppose from this opinion that the petitioners met in a body, all, or at least a majority, and made this request. At least three members of the Board of County Commissioners were present at this meeting, and we shall be glad to appeal to these members as to the correctness of our statements. Had Colonel Burton known these facts his advice would probably have been different, but it is not yet too late, and we hope Colonel Burton in the light of this additional cumulative evidence, will modify this opinion.

Now, it is true, there are other embarrassing conditions in these petitions on file with the commissioners, but let us meet them like men, and let the people have what they want when their wants are clearly made known. These wants as expressed in these two petitions are confusing. A number of persons have signed the Special Tax Levy Petition who also signed the Bond Issue petition, but this was done under a misapprehension, and this fact should be duly considered. These persons signed the latter petition because they believed the bond issue petition had been abandoned. Of course no perfectly fair person will be unwilling to let all such errors be corrected. If it be found necessary, and it may, let all these petitions be tabled, and the matter put squarely up to the people as to what they want, but let's be sure that we give them every possible information, that no man may be deceived. As badly as we need the roads, this writer would rather drive in the sand the remainder of his days than to take any advantage through any technicality, or otherwise.

If a majority of the citizens of this district prefer a Special Tax Levy to a bond issue, we have not a word to say except to issue our final note of warning, that you will have cause to regret it, but the responsibility is yours.

There is a large number of persons whose names are now recorded on the Special Tax Levy petition that prefer the bond issue, but who would rather get the Special Tax Levy District than nothing. All such persons should communicate with the Honorable Board of County Commissioners prior to October 18th, asking that your names be stricken from this petition. Not a member of this board will desire to consider you as a petitioner except that you do so with your full knowledge and consent as to the merits of the questions involved. In tomorrow's issue of the News we shall try to show the most important advantages of a bond issue over that of a Special Tax Levy.

EAST & WEST COAST RAILWAY

Has New Traveling Freight Agent, Mr. R. H. Dozier, of Jacksonville.

Mr. R. H. Dozier, of Jacksonville, arrived yesterday to become traveling freight agent for the East and West Coast Railway, the office made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Bennett several days ago. Mr. Dozier has been connected with the Seaboard Air Line in the same capacity for the past eleven years. His office will be in the Carlton building, where he will be glad to make the acquaintance of all citizens who will favor him with a call.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

There will be services in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening. The Presbytery of St. Johns will meet in the Presbyterian church next Tuesday evening. Opening sermon by the moderator. Addresses on Wednesday evening by visiting pastors.

ST. EDMUND'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services October 15th, 1916. Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon 7 p. m. The Rev. James H. Davet, of New York, will conduct both morning and evening prayer. Mr. Davet is one of the leading clergymen of the diocese of Southern Florida. His sermons will be helpful, instructive and entertaining. You are cordially invited to come out and hear him at both services.

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